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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: 314572-101F

Title: Multifunctional Enzyme

BOX PATENT APPLICATIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231jc712 U.S. PTO
09/549642NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a patent application, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1),
 Applicants request that the application be filed as a Divisional Application of U.S. Serial No.
 09/303,375 filed April 30, 1999 which is a CIP of 08/600,273 filed February 8, 1996, which is
 a CIP of 08/486,820 filed June 7, 1995, which is a CIP of 08/385,540 filed February 8, 1995.

1. Papers enclosed which are required for filing date Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

<u>1</u>	Title Page (Page In Front of Specification)
<u>79</u>	page(s) of specification (minus claims and abstract)
<u>22</u>	page(s) of claims
<u>1</u>	page(s) of abstract
<u>6</u>	page(s) of sequence listing
<u>11</u>	sheet(s) of drawings
<u>3</u>	page(s) of declaration and power of attorney (copy)

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2. Additional Papers enclosed: Acknowledgement postcard.

3. **Incorporation By Reference.**
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or
 declaration is supplied and is considered to be part of the disclosure of the
 accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.



4. If a Continuing Application, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:
- Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. of U.S. Serial No. 09/303,375 filed April 30, 1999
which is a CIP of 08/600,273 filed February 8, 1996, which is a CIP of 08/486,820 filed June 7, 1995, which is a CIP of 08/385,540 filed February 8, 1995.

5. The correspondence address
 remains the same as in the prior Application.
6. This application claims priority of one or more U.S. Applications under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, please amend the application to recite as the first line of the application:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. of U.S. Serial No. 09/303,375 filed April 30, 1999 which is a CIP of 08/600,273 filed February 8, 1996, which is a CIP of 08/486,820 filed June 7, 1995, which is a CIP of 08/385,540 filed February 8, 1995.--

7. An assignment of the invention of the application, together with an Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet:
 is enclosed, or
 was filed in a parent case and recorded at
 Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- A. Enclosed are:
(a) Computer Readable Copy of the Sequence Listing
(b) Paper Copy (identical to Computer Readable Copy) of the Sequence Listing
- B. Enclosed is a paper copy of the Sequence Listing. This paper copy and a Computer Readable Form thereof are identical with the Computer Readable Form in another application of the Applicant which is fully identified as follows:

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which is believed to comply with the rules set forth in 37 CFR § 1.821 et. seq. Applicants requests pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.821(e) that this Computer Readable Form be used in the present application.

- Statement under 37 CFR § 1.821(f): The content of the Computer Readable Copy enclosed or identified above as in another application of the Applicant is the same as that of the paper copy.

9. Prior to the examination of this Application, please:

- enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment; and
 cancel claims 1-141.

10. **Information Disclosure Statement:**

- The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of the documents submitted herewith in connection with the examination of this application. It is believed that the Examiner will concur with Applicant's belief that the documents do not adversely affect the patentability of the subject matter presently claimed, taken alone or in combination.
- It is requested that the listed documents be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application.
- Under 37 CFR 1.97(i), Applicants understand that non-complying Information Disclosure Statements will be placed in the file but not considered by the Office, however, under Reply to Comment 8 of the Federal Register, page 2024, Applicants will be informed when information is not considered.

[X] Applicants make of record the documents submitted in parent Application Serial No. 09/303,375, filed April 30, 1999. These documents are listed on the Form

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which was submitted in the parent case, a copy of which form(s), modified to recite the new filing information, is/are enclosed. The Office is requested to make these forms of record in the present case. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the documents cited in the above-listed forms are not enclosed.

[] If additional documents are to be made of record, these are listed with unique identifiers on further Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B which are enclosed. Copies of these additional documents are enclosed.

No fee payment is being made at this time.

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